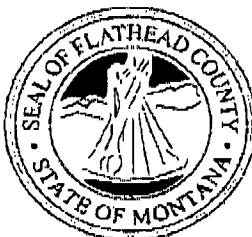


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HB 250

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House Judiciary Committee  
Montana State Legislature  
Helena, Montana

Re: HB 250

Dear Committee Members:

Child Dependent and Neglect cases have become an increasingly difficult and expensive burden for this office to manage. Whereas ten years ago these cases were easily handled by a half-time prosecutor, our current case load requires the dedication of a full-time attorney and secretary; at times, the assistance of a second attorney is also required. Given our limited resources, I believe it is now time for the State and DPPHS to assume the primary, if not sole, responsibility for prosecuting these cases. I accordingly urge you to support passage of HB 250.

Do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY  
Flathead County, Montana

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ed Corrigan", is written over a horizontal line.  
Ed Corrigan